Dear Paul,

7/26/80

Thanks for your lote of the 22, with the enclosures, mailed the 23rd. Here today and read, save for the real-life confession of a real-life paranoid.

With regard to the reviews of Summers' book, which we do not see the same way, you say they are not worth my time. After reading the book I beciever that itt is not worth anybody's time and that its overall effect will not be good - the more attention to it the greater the harm. I also have a low opinion of him and what he undertook to do. By this I do not mean that I have any objection to anyone writing any kind of book. So my interest in the reviews, largely archival, is not related to what you regard as insightful or of non-substance. Insight to me begins with perceiving that he is a literary whore who conceived of a probably successful formula and commercialized all to that end. His pretenses or his skill in getting away with they do not interest me.

The FBI's revocation of the feee waiver is a serious matter. However it ends, it had required and will require much time. In thatsense itx serves the FBI's purpose of "stopping" me. Of course it also cuts off records, save for the Dallas index. Which is coming like molasses on a cold day in January. I have the second ~~xxxxxx~~ batch, the index to the letters to Jack Ruby! I imagine that the junkier stuff will come first with this apparent change in policy and tactics.

Rae, who will be leaving before long to return to Vermont, has been working on a foundation request. I am not familiar with those matters but she has made herself familiar with them. She said yesterday that indications are that statements from others can be helpful and she had you, amongxx a few others, in mind. I asked her to draft what she has in mind. It will be enclosed.

I have a few thinks working. Some may interest you if and when they appear. I think you'll recognize my expressions of appreciation of the FBI's consideration of me, others through me and the Act.

I have no use for Phillips but Summers treated him badly, knowing full well that if their lawyers regarded it as suit-proof the publisher would exaggerate what he did say because it would sell books. No self-respecting reporter uses a single source in any such matter. It is defamatory and it hurts many others, like his wife and kids, who have enough to live with.

In the Veciano case you had enought to prompt at least doubts about his connection with Phillips because I provided you with an entirely different connection, and that was quite long ago.

From Vec's own story, at that time it is highly improbable that Phillips would have had any public contact with him, certainly not in the UN and in a public place. If you know anything about the way of thespooks, you'd know that no Phillips would ever bring any two of his people together except for the most urgent need and then only clandestinely, certainly not in a public place in a large city and during daylight. The transcript you sent, which I presure is from BBC/Osterlund, is inherently incredible. For example, the alleged request by Phillips that V ask his cousin to say that Oswald was in Mexico. Who needed that then? There is more like this.

Hastily,